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SUBJECT: DATES FOR NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING

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D) STATE 53157, E) ROME 3954, (ALL NOTAL)

1. AT MARCH 2 MEETING, POLADS AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO
SCHEDULE POLADS MEETING MARCH 21 ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE
SSOD AND PREPCOM V. EXPERTS WHO WANT TO ATTEND MAY DO SO.
REGULAR DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING TO REVIEW SSOD AND
OTHER ISSUES WOULD BE HELD MAY 2 AND 3. ACTION REQUESTED:
CONFIRMATION BY MARCH 7 THAT THESE DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

2. ITALIAN, UK, FRG, FRENCH, GREEK, DANISH, AND BELGIAN
REPS PREFERRED ON INSTRUCTIONS, TO ADVANCE DATE FOR
REGULAR DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING TO MARCH 21-22 TO
PERMIT THOROUGH REVIEW OF SSOD BEFORE PREPCOM V. DUTCH
WERE FLEXIBLE. NORWEGIANS BELIEVED NATO CONSULTATIONS
ON SSOD COULD BE HELD IN NEW YORK MARCH 29, AN ALTERNATIVE
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THAT MOST OTHERS OPPOSED. UK REP SAID HIS AUTHORI-
TIES THOUGHT IT ESSENTIAL FOR ALLIES TO REVIEW TACTICS FOR
MULTILATERAL DRAFTING AND PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL
NEGOTIATING MACHINERY BEFORE PREPCOM V, AND TOLD US
PRIVATELY LONDON WAS CONCERNED ABOUT DIFFERENT ALLIED
VIEWS ON LATTER POINT.

3. US REP NOTED THAT CONSULTATIONS ON SSOD WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE AFTER PREPCOM V AND THAT US EXPERT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COME TO BRUSSELS DURING WEEK OF MARCH 20. HOWEVER, TO MEET ALLIED INTEREST, US WOULD BE PREPARED TO HOLD INSTRUCTED POLADS DISCUSSION IN LATE MARCH. CANADIAN REP SAID OTTAWA AGREED THAT CONSULTATIONS ON SSOD WOULD BETTER BE HELD AFTER PREPCOM V.

4. OTHERS RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED INSTRUCTED POLADS MEETING ON SSOD MARCH 21. SEVERAL INDICATED THEIR EXPERTS WOULD WISH TO ATTEND AND APPEALED TO US TO SEND AN EXPERT IF POSSIBLE. SINCE SOME SAID THEIR EXPERTS WOULD NEED TIME IN CAPITALS AFTER PREPCOM V, POLADS DECIDED TO SUGGEST MAY 2-3 AS DATES FOR REGULAR DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING.

5. COMMENT: WE HELD THE LINE, BUT WERE STRUCK BY STRONG DESIRE OF MANY ALLIES FOR EXPERTS CONSULTATION ON SSOD BEFORE PREPCOM V. ALLIES WOULD APPRECIATE PRESENCE OF US REP MARCH 21, SHOULD TRIP PROVE POSSIBLE. IF NOT, WE REQUEST A COMPREHENSIVE BRIEF BY MARCH 20. GLITMAN

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